



POLICE AND CITIZENS WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS CRIME



Chief Jerry Dodd

Policing our community requires a balance between enforcement related policing tactics and enhancing the quality of life in our community through prevention and education. Accomplishing such a balance depends on our ability to focus on and find ways to resolve problematic issues as well as our ability to communicate and partner with citizens and businesses, eliciting their help and support. Crime prevention is the central theme of this organization. Our ultimate goal is to make our community a better place to live, work, learn, and play. (From 2014 Mount Vernon Police Annual Report)

Police and citizens are working together to deal with issues related to the recent shootings in our city. There have been 3 neighborhood meetings held for the residents in the area of South 27th. The meetings were well attended. Working together with the police, citizens have identified neighborhood problems and generated ideas to address them. As a result, actions are being taken by the police and neighbors to resolve or reduce the problems identified including: increased police patrol, graffiti removal, abandoned vehicle removal, traffic analysis for speed control efforts, formation of a neighborhood Blockwatch, and enforcement of criminal activity. There have been no recent incidents reported in the neighborhood in part due to these cooperative efforts by police and citizens.

MOUNT VERNON CRIME STATS

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	- % +
Murder	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	-100%
Rape	20	20	15	24	14	15	15	0%
Robbery	25	33	23	34	22	31	21	-32.3%
Aggravated Assault	46	33	51	40	47	41	46	+12.2%
Arson	28	11	8	9	10	7	7	0%
Burglary	275	275	290	349	318	257	224	-13.2%
Theft	1,374	1,769	1,756	1,376	1,172	1,294	1193	-7.9%
Vehicle Theft	83	80	63	75	86	130	111	-14.6%
Car Prowl	458	690	564	365	249	295	238	-19.32
Violent Crime	91	88	89	100	94	95	89	-6.32
Violent Crime per 1000	3.02	2.86	2.87	3.22	2.96	2.94	2.86	-2.86%
Calls for Service	21,715	21,802	21,270	20,748	21,011	20,787	21,276	+2.35%
MV Population	30,150	30,800	31,020	31,020	31,743	32,250	33,170	+1.028%



